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BUSINESS LEAGUE HAS GOOD MEET

Important Matters Discussed
At Meeting Thursday
Night—Ice Price Up

One of the most enthusiastic meetings yet held of the Y. M. B. L. occurred on Thursday night of last week. Everyone present was full of "pep," and the session proved to be very interesting and beneficial. Several timely propositions for furthering the interests of the town were discussed and action was taken toward carrying out the plans and desires of the league.

M. W. Burch made a report of the Dallas-Wichita interurban proposition, telling of a telephone conversation with Mr. Wiley Blair of Dallas, chairman of the interurban committee, in which that gentleman stated that a Dallas man was now in the East in an effort to sell five million dollars worth of bonds with which to build the road, and that just as soon as the bonds were sold, which he felt sure would be done speedily, he would notify the local Y. M. B. L. and that the Dallas people would welcome a Decatur delegation to place Decatur's claims before the interurban promoters. Mr. Blair said he wanted it distinctly understood that Dallas was whole-hearted and fancy-free in the matter of the route for the road, and that she was unpledged to any city between Dallas and Wichita Falls and that Decatur would receive all due consideration. The Y. M. B. L. committee will keep in close touch with the situation and send a strong delegation to Dallas at the proper time.

The matter of proper construction of the Meridian road through Decatur was discussed, and a committee appointed to co-operate with the city council and commissioners' court in an effort to see that only the best of material was used on the road as it is built through Decatur limits, and that the work was done properly.

The question of the high price Decatur is having to pay for ice was brought up and threshed out pro and con. Reports came in of surrounding towns getting cheaper ice than Decatur, and some complaint was registered of a double profit made on ice in this city. However, it was the sense of the meeting that the league do all in its power to assist and foster the home factory. A committee was appointed to confer with Manager Smith of the local factory to determine if anything could be done to lower the price of ice here.

Decatur's train service came in for a liberal discussion, and the league went on record as criticizing the action of the Denver in running two trains through this city without stopping. Correspondence has been taken up with the railroad commission in an effort to correct this injustice, and Mayor Ford states that he feels sure we will soon get justice at the hands of the commission. The "high-ball" trains are causing great inconvenience to Decatur citizens, as it is necessary to go either to Ft. Worth or Bowie in order to get a train to Denver.

Chairman Gettys of the local school board, gave a very timely outline of the work being done by the Decatur school board and faculty toward a general improvement of the school. Mr. Gettys stated that the board and faculty had made all possible efforts to comply with the state requirements for affiliation by carrying out the demands of the representatives of the state board of education, and he believed that affiliation would be given Decatur schools. Mr. Gettys pointed out that a great drawback in the matter was that when the board had complied with the requirements of one representative of the state, another would come along and undo the work of the former visitor, and add new requirements; that there seemed to be a lack of co-operation among the representatives of the state board.

New officers were elected for the Y. M. B. L. as follows: M. W. Burch was elected president, B. R. Floyd, vice president, and L. C. Boyd, secretary. These new officers are all wide-awake and progressive men, who will do their best to carry on the splendid work begun by President Dodson and his corps of assistants. As vice president, Mr. Burch has always been on the job. He deserves the hearty co-operation of every progressive citizen of Decatur. Mr. Floyd is one of the liveliest members of the organization and has always been active in the interests of the city. Mr. Boyd will make the league a splendid secretary, as he is young, active and progressive.

It was decided to continue collecting dues till the debts of the league were discharged, then the dues are to be reduced. The banquets have been cut out for the present.

The next meeting of the Y. M. B. L. will be held next Thursday night, and every man and boy interested in the advancement of Decatur should attend. Some important matters will come up.

BAILEY'S NAME ON PRIMARY TICKET

State Executive Committee
After Stormy Session Allows
Senator to Enter

The name of Joseph Weldon Bailey will be placed on the Texas democratic ticket as a candidate for the party's nomination for governor.

This was the decision, by a vote of fifteen to four, of the state democratic executive committee in Fort Worth Monday.

Judge John W. Gaines of Bay City, led the fight against the placing of the name of Bailey on the ticket on the grounds that he is not eligible to hold office. Judge R. E. Huff of Wichita Falls, favored the placing of Bailey's name on the ticket because, he said, the committee had no authority to determine a judicial matter, and Luther Nichols told the committee "that the things you have been saying about Mr. Bailey during this discussion is beneath my notice, because I consider its source."

He challenged the committee that it had no other course than to put the name of Bailey on the ticket "because you are not a judicial body, and the question of a man's residence is a judicial question."

The majority of the members who expressed themselves said they believed that the name of Bailey should be placed on the ticket because it was a matter of political expediency.

The discussion was brought to a climax when Judge H. S. Moran of Weatherford, in speaking in favor of placing the name of Bailey on the ticket, excoriated him, criticising him severely, and said he had reasons to oppose him "because I have been tongue-whipped by him in my own county."

"I was among the first number of men," he said, "who, years ago, met at Dallas and demanded that he resign as a representative of the people because he was carrying the secret code of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company in his coat pocket."

John J. Simmons, a close personal friend of Bailey, and sitting as a member of the committee by proxy from D. E. Giddings of Brenham, said:

"With due respect to the gentleman whose hair is now gray, I denounce that statement as being untrue."

Moran sprang to his feet. "That's a lie," he hurled at Simmons.

Simmons rushed to the aisle, and as he walked around toward Moran, he said:

"You come to where I can reach you."

Simmons was restrained and Moran was held in his seat. There was much confusion, but the chair finally succeeded in quieting the two men.

The committee decided to hold the state convention in Fort Worth, after the July primaries. Judge Geo. W. Steere invited the convention here, and said that Fort Worth would contribute \$1,000 to the expenses, and promised the members of the committee the best of courtesies to the convention, if the convention met here. The vote was unanimous in favor of Fort Worth.

Oil Men Are Rushing To Wise County Field

The recent drilling activities in Wise county have caused much concern throughout the state of Texas and the report of the Keystone well on the sand at 1,300 feet has caused prices to go soaring skyward.

H. A. Stiles, oil operator of Fort Worth, has made a tour of Wise county, binging with him a number of capitalists and geologists to pass upon the possibilities of new development.

Mr. Stiles has just recently taken over 10,000 acres lying west of Cottondale and will resume drilling on the old Union Oil Company's site. This hole was drilled to 884 feet with a rotary rig, at which point a showing of both gas and oil was encountered and for some unknown reason activities ceased, but Mr. Stiles with the determination and money behind him, is going to test out this structure and gives out the information that he expects to strike the oil at another 100 feet. In addition to this, Mr. Stiles promises a new rig within the very near future starting with a 24-inch hole prepared to go to the deeper sands which underlie the entire western part of the county.

The Bridgeport-Lubbock Oil Company is drilling away at 2,500 feet; the Carey No. 1 is drilling at 1,230 feet; the Bridgeport Oil Company's well is on the sand at 1,500 feet; the Prairie Oil & Gas Company in the southwestern corner of the county, is drilling at 800 feet, and, together with the drilling activities in the northern part of the county, has caused the residents of Wise county to believe that they at last have been placed upon the map as having a real oil field.



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Don't miss the Decatur-Graham ball games next week; days will be announced later. These games promise to be of the big league kind. At the games; boost the home team!

Gunn Williams and Alfred Jesse Brown will make a business trip into west Texas in a few days, looking after their lease lands in that section.

NEFF'S RECORD IS GIVEN AN AIRING

Refused to Endorse Woman Suffrage--Was Attorney In Chicken Salad Case

Austin, Texas, June 14.—Speaker R. E. Thomason made a vigorous address in the house of representatives tonight in behalf of his candidacy for governor and was given a highly enthusiastic reception by the audience which greeted him. The hall and galleries were packed to overflowing.

Senator W. L. Dean, author of the Dean prohibition law, made a brief speech in which he commended Mr. Thomason's candidacy in the highest terms. He declared Mr. Thomason has the ability and the courage to make a splendid governor and that his record on prohibition and suffrage is of the best. He predicted Mr. Thomason's nomination by a substantial majority.

Mr. Thomason went into some detail concerning his ideas of a business administration of the state's affairs. He said that he favored the consolidation of several offices as well as the abolition of all boards that have not legislative or judicial duties to perform.

He has expressed himself as being anxious for a complete budget and audit system. He favors economy in the administration of state affairs, he said, but is not willing to cripple our eleemosynary and educational institutions.

Reference was made to the statement by Mr. Neff in his opening speech at Waxahachie, in which he said that he favored the graduated land tax while Mr. Thomason said that he had bitterly fought the same ever since being in the legislature, as he was not willing to put a limit on the amount of land or any other property that had been honestly and justly acquired. He said that he preferred to put a premium and not a penalty on the thrift and enterprise of our citizens.

Crisis in Educational Affairs.

Mr. Thomason discussed at some length the educational problems in Texas, and said that during the past week he had used his official influence in the passage of the appropriation bill of four million dollars to the public schools of Texas. In his judgment a crisis exists in our educational affairs, and, he said that he would do everything in his power to remedy same.

Mr. Thomason said that he favored the granting of pardons in deserving cases where there were extenuating circumstances, but believed absolutely in the enforcement of the laws of the state and that sure but not excessive punishment was the greatest deterrent for crime. He also favored amending the suspended sentence law, so as it would only apply to young offenders, as he thought the present law was much abused, especially in the case of hardened criminals. Continuing, he said:

"I observe from the daily papers that an authorized spokesman for Mr. Neff at Dallas a few nights ago severely criticized and condemned me for having voted against submission in the early days of the thirty-fifth legislature and charged that I was lined up with Governor Ferguson in that fight.

"The truth is that I did vote against submission at that regular session, because my district had voted against submission and I have never yet failed to carry out the instructions of my district on any question. I have supported prohibition in Cooke county, also in El Paso county. I helped to make the fight for local option in El Paso county when it was a hopeless task. The first race that I made for the legislature was on a platform that I would do everything in my power to help amend our election laws so as to eliminate the illiterate foreigners. I am the author of the present literacy law requiring every man to make out his own ballot unless over 60 years of age or physically disabled. I actively supported woman suffrage in that same race, because I wanted to trade off the Mexican men for the American women. I think I did right in voting the instructions of my district, but if there be those who think I did not, I paid that debt with interest, because later I was joint author of the zone bill which was the first law to really make Texas dry. I later supported statutory state-wide prohibition, as well as voted for the ratification of the national amendment.

Refers to "Chicken-Salad" Case

"After I had discharged my obligation to vote against submission I told my people that I was going to vote for these other measures, and they re-elected me without opposition. It is, of course, a joke for any man who knows my legislative record to say that I was ever in harmony with Governor Ferguson, as I was a member of the board of managers of the impeachment trial, as well as wrote the first investigation report. It comes with poor grace from a supporter of Mr. P. M. Neff to accuse me of such because after the legislature had condemned the action of Governor Ferguson in the purchase of automobile tires, groceries, etc., Mr. Neff appeared as leading lawyer in the 'chicken-salad' case of Middleton vs. Terrell.

"It also comes with poor grace from the friends of Mr. Neff who saw fit in Dallas a few nights ago to attack my record and to praise Mr. Neff for his alleged support of woman suffrage when I have a copy of a letter written by Mrs. W. E. Spell of Waco, who is one of the delegates at large to the national convention, in which she writes to a woman in Cameron that she was in charge of the woman

suffrage campaign at Waco last year, and Mr. Neff declined to sign his name to any indorsement, and that she had asked Dr. Brooks to telephone him and that Dr. Brooks told her that Mr. Neff would not indorse the move. She also says in the same letter that Mr. Neff refused in every way to assist her in the campaign. I have given my active personal and official influence toward enfranchising the women of this state.

Replies to Neff.

"I also notice where Mr. Neff sought to leave the impression at Wichita Falls that I should not be elected governor because I live in the western portion of the state, and to use his expression, 'live nearer to San Francisco than I do to Wichita Falls.' I did not know before that it made any difference from what section a man comes, just so he has the character and ability to fill the office he seeks with credit. I do not know whether Mr. Neff wishes to divide Texas or not. We now have a distinguished senator who lives very near the Arkansas line, and we have had many distinguished public men who came from near the eastern border of the state.

"I favor the payment of a poll tax and have been misquoted about my position concerning same. I believe that all persons should be required to pay something toward the support of the government. I have said that I thought we should promptly amend our constitution so that none but American citizens could vote in any of our elections. And, after it is done, I believe the people could, with safety, pass a registration law, requiring every person who wishes to vote to make out a registration receipt in his own handwriting and in the English language.

Explains Poll Tax Idea.

"I don't believe that, as a matter of principle, a full-fledged American citizen should have to pay for the right to vote in a free country. I would require the payment of a poll tax, but not make it a prerequisite for voting, provided we have a complete registration system. I know there has been gross abuses of the poll tax law, as shown by the testimony on both sides of the Parr-Glasscock contest last year. Clean elections have been my hobby, and while I favor a strict registration law, coupled with a literacy test, yet I believe American citizens should be encouraged rather than discouraged in taking an interest in public affairs. I believe that few country women will vote so long as they must pay a poll tax. I also want to see the time for qualifying for voting made later in the year, when there is more interest shown. Anyway, no change can be made except by a vote of the people, but these are my views frankly expressed."

Coffee Begins Campaign for Representative Soon

Roy C. Coffee, of Paradise, candidate for representative from Wise county, has returned from attending the State university, and was a Decatur visitor Saturday. Mr. Coffee is a very energetic young fellow, and met quite a number of voters while here. He states he is beginning a thorough campaign of the county, in an effort to place his candidacy before the people. This young man has made quite a record as an orator, as well as a student, while attending the state institutions. In the Denton Normal, from which he is a graduate, he won the oratorical contest, and later won second place in the state contest. He was also inter-collegiate debater for both the Normal and the State university. He is studying law at the state and is now a member of the senior class of the academic department of state.

Executive Committee Certifies Official Ticket

The state democratic executive committee, at its meeting in Fort Worth Monday afternoon, certified the following as the official ticket of the party at its primaries in July:

For governor:
Joseph Weldon Bailey,
Pat M. Neff,
Ben F. Looney,
Robert E. Thomason.

For lieutenant governor:
I. W. Culp,
Lynch Davidson,
W. A. Johnson,
J. C. McNealus,
W. T. Pace,
R. B. Humphreys.

For attorney general:
C. M. Cureton.

For state treasurer:
John W. Baker.

For court of Criminal appeals:
W. L. Davidson,
F. B. Martin.

For supreme court:
William E. Hawkins,
William M. Key,
William Pierson.

For commissioner of agriculture:
Sam H. Dixon,
George B. Terrell.

For railroad commissioner:
John L. Andrews,

For supt. public instruction:
Annie Webb Blanton,
J. M. Carlisle.

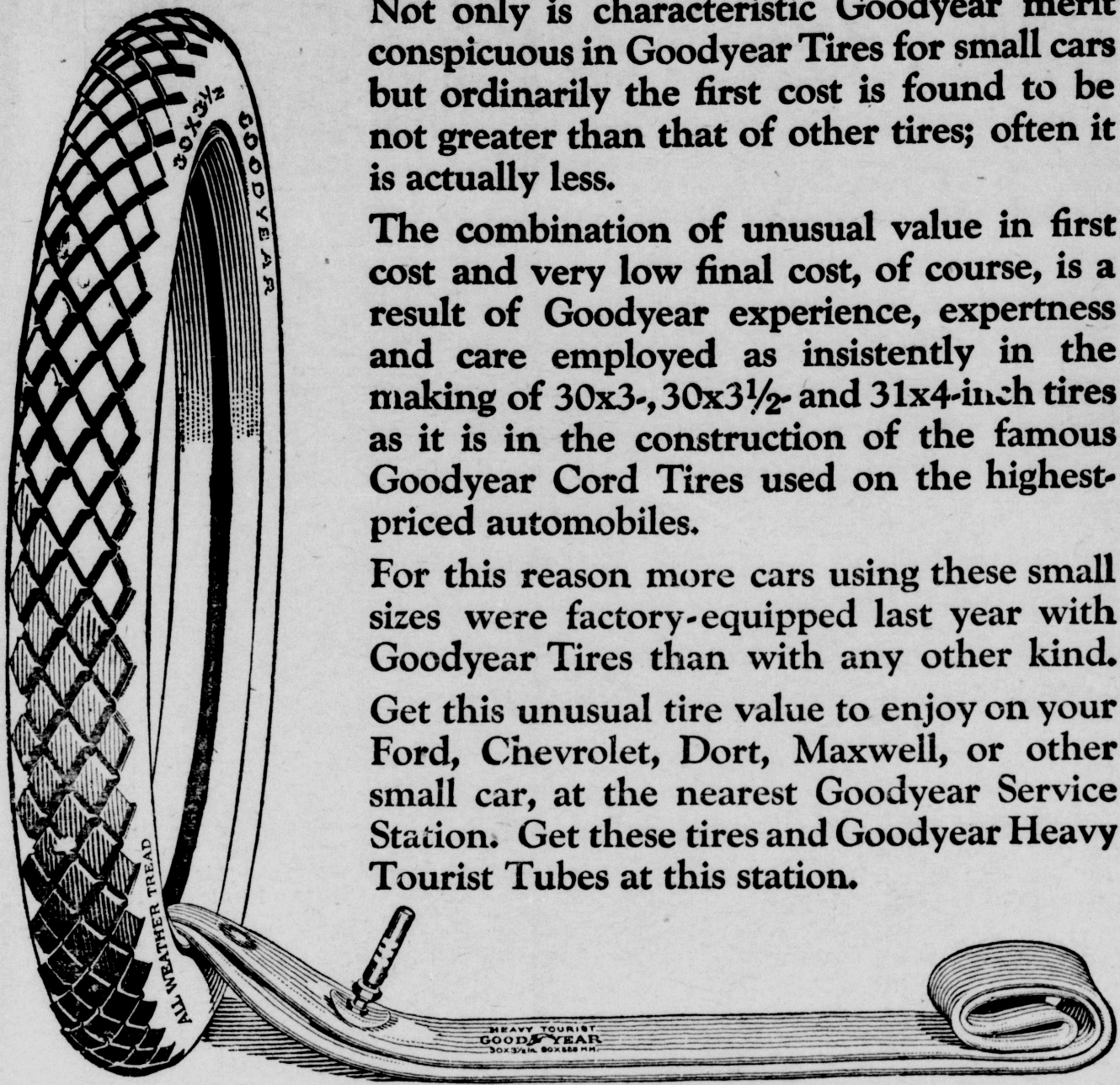
For land commissioner:
J. T. Robison.

Keystone Well Closed, Awaiting More Casing

The Keystone well has been closed down for several days, awaiting the arrival of more casing. The ten-inch casing is being set today and drilling will be resumed tomorrow. The well is down about 1,200 feet, with showings of oil. A number of light sands have been hit during the last two hundred feet, but they were not of sufficient weight to cause any undue "alarm," state the officials of the company. The drillers state they expect to strike the big pay sand between 1,700 and 2,000 feet. Acreage in the vicinity of the well continues to boom in prices, another spurt being taken this week.

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The vault for the Security State bank will be completed this week, and the new bank will probably open for business within a few days. The furniture and fixtures will not arrive for several days. When completed and "fixed up" the Security State will be one of the most attractive banking institutions in the county.

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAINS

North Bound		
Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*3—7:15 am	8:48 am	11:45 am
*1—10:00 am	11:32 am	2:00 pm
*5—6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am
South Bound		
W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
*8—3:05 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6—8:00 am	11:05 am	1:00 pm
*4—2:00 pm	4:59 pm	6:40 pm
*2—3:25 pm	5:55 pm	7:25 pm

No. 7 stops at Decatur, Bowie and Henrietta; the first section goes to Denver; section cuts out at Childress.

No. 1 does not stop at Decatur; stops at Bowie and goes to Denver.

No. 3 makes all local stops and goes to Childress.

No. 8 stops at Henrietta, Bowie and Decatur; first section comes from Childress; second section comes from Denver.

No. 6 makes all local stops and comes from Abilene and Wichita Falls.

No. 4 makes all local stops and comes from Childress.

No. 2 does not stop at Decatur; stops at Bowie and comes from Denver.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Outler Gose is visiting in Tulia.

Carl Schulkey was in Alvord Monday.

W. B. Brown is in Sunset this week.

Rev. R. E. Bell was a Bowie visitor Sunday.

Mrs. B. R. Floyd is on a visit to Colorado.

W. V. Cunningham is in Paradise on business.

Sam McMillan was here from Dallas this week.

Dave and Will Kerr made a trip to Era Tuesday.

John Vanmeeter was up from Fort Worth Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Dillehay visited Greenwood Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Hunt and children are visiting in Dallas.

Ben Watkins has returned from a stay in Wichita Falls.

Tal Lively of Louisiana, has been visiting relatives here.

Harve Lively of Whitewright, was a Decatur visitor Sunday.

Dr. D. A. Carpenter has returned from a trip to Amarillo.

Master Edmond Gibson has been visiting relatives in Bowie.

Mrs. Sadie Moore of Dallas, is the guest of Mrs. John Rector.

Venor Patterson and family spent several days in Fort Worth.

Take your cleaning and pressing to "Pug" Coleman's tailor shop.

Mrs. Guinn Williams and grandchildren are visiting in Dallas.

Food Inspector Fortwood of Denton, was in the city this week.

Mrs. Newton Barker of Rhome, visited her parents here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Cotner of Fort Worth, visited here last week.

Miss Mary Kendall returned Sunday to her home in Polytechnic.

Dr. Price Lowry of Wichita Falls, was here the first of the week.

Mrs. W. B. Brown and daughter, Miss Iris, are visiting in Princeton.

Mrs. H. W. Barton and sons are visiting in Childress and Haskell.

William Hemphill of San Angelo, is the guest of Miss Ruth Payne.

Grady Ward was home from Wichita Falls Sunday, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Hugh Greer has returned from a visit to her parents in Denton.

Paul Scott and Horace Renshaw were up from S. M. U., Dallas Sunday.

Miss Ida Baits of Texarkana, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Workman.

Misses Lela Mann and Clara Belew left Thursday for a stay in Cool Colorado.

B. C. Cotner of Fort Worth, spent several days here the first of the week.

Miss Nellis Loomis of Chico, is the guest of Miss Nora Booth, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm are in Fort Worth, visiting friends and relatives.

N. A. Moore, teller at the First National bank, is taking his annual vacation.

Will Kerr and wife of Folsom, N. M., have been visiting relatives here the past week.

O. D. Gose attended the State Epworth League conference at Sherman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lillard are today moving into their new home in North Decatur.

Miss Ruth Splawn this week attended the Diamond Jubilee at Baylor university, Waco.

Ray Nobles, Paul Johnson and Elbert Pinkston left this week for New Mexico to file on land.

Miss Amanda and Master William Montgomery are visiting their grandparents near Paradise.

Mesdames M. W. Burch and Cody Milligan attended the concert in Rhome Monday night.

Prof. Tompkins, teacher in State University, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Simmons.

Mrs. Elmer Cunningham and children of Wichita Falls, are visiting the family of District Clerk Cunningham.

Walter Stokes has been chosen as a member of the board of trustees of Decatur Independent school district.

Mrs. W. B. Watkins and son, Master Marshall, returned Monday from a five weeks' visit with friends and relatives in Oklahoma.

Mail Carrier Brown is having a cement walk put down in front of his property on West Walnut street. District Clerk Cunningham, across the street, has had a cement walk built.

Patronage Coleman's tailor shop. First-class work done at popular prices. South Trinity street.

Mrs. J. V. Patterson and children have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. Tom Milligan near Fort Worth.

Your laundry called for and delivered. I represent the best laundry in the state. Clate "Pug" Coleman.

Holly Renshaw, wheat grower in the Sweetwater country, states that his crop will probably average eleven bushels per acre.

George Criner of Boyd, is here on a visit.

Dennis P. Ratliff returned Friday from attending the law school of Lebanon, Tennessee, where he received his LL. D. degree.

Mr. Bernie Fralin and Miss Tally of Boyd, enjoyed the picture show in the city last Saturday night.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

News from Joe Bailey

Mrs. John George and children of Fort Worth, spent last week here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. W. A. Roberts' niece of Sherman, is making him an extended visit here.

Mark Belew and family of Celina, visited Fred Belew and family Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Marye and Matilda Harris of Ponder, came over Sunday to visit Mrs. George Gentry and to attend the children's exercises at Sand Hill Sunday.

Miss Clara Belew leaves Thursday for a trip to Colorado.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cartwright, on Friday, June 4, 1920, a daughter.

Mrs. M. T. Popejoy's brothers and families of Itasca, are visiting her this week.

Mrs. V. Ray and children of Fort Worth, spent last week with Mrs. Lee Cartwright.

Misses Katherine Burton, Alice and Manila Price, Pauline Mason and Inez Derryberry left last week to enter summer school at Denton.

Mrs. Brown of Bridgeport, is visiting her son, Millard, and family.

Mrs. Murdock Young of Fort Worth, was here to attend the children's exercises at Sand Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Guss Walker and daughter, Maude, visited Boyd Saturday.

Bob and Clarence George of Fort Worth, came up to the exercises at Sand Hill Sunday.

Those that failed to go to Sand Hill Sunday missed a great treat, for they had an excellent program and it was well rendered.

Everyone that isn't in some other other Sunday school, is invited to be at Pleasant Grove Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

W. T. Belew of Celina, spent Saturday night with T. L. Gentry.

The devil gets the blame for a lot of failures that he didn't have anything to do with.

The Strange Story of a Nameless Tramp

An historically accurate account of how a tattered hobo, whose name is still unknown, became a benefactor to humanity.

TO begin with, this is a true story. And, being true, it is just one more piece of evidence to prove that truth is really stranger than fiction.

For nearly three years Mr. G. D. Horton of Singers, La., had been suffering from one of the most malignant and painful diseases to which the human flesh is heir. Naturally he had become morose, despondent. Famous doctors had pronounced his case incurable. Obviously he was living—only to die.

One day in a fit of desperation he started to walk out of town down the railroad track. He didn't know where he was going and didn't care. He walked awhile and then, being seized with unusually severe pains, he sat down to rest. Shortly thereafter a ragged, unkempt hobo appeared and spoke to Mr. Horton: "What's the matter, old man?" he said, kindly.



Mr. Horton told him. He never knew just why he had made this tramp his confidant. Possibly it was a kind providence interceding in his behalf. At any rate, he finished his story. The tramp was silent for a moment. "I can cure you," he said, finally. "In fact, I can cure anyone who has your trouble."

Without further ado, he walked into the piney woods at the side of the track, and emerged, presently, with a handful of what looked to be weeds. Aided by Mr. Horton, the tramp brewed a liquid from the herbs, explaining what they were and how they

should be prepared, while he worked. When it was finished, he said: "Take this; it will cure you."



Mr. Horton, who was in a condition to grasp eagerly at any possible relief, was profuse with his thanks and asked the hobo his name. "Oh, I'm just a hobo," answered the tramp, and without another word walked back into the woods—and into oblivion.

Mr. Horton began taking his new-found medicine immediately. To be perfectly frank, he had but little confidence in it. He had taken medicines of all sorts without result. But he decided to give it a trial anyway. Within three days a decided improvement was noticed. Pain and other irritating conditions had been relieved. Two months later he was a well man. And from that time on, he was never troubled with the disease which had made his life a living death for three years.

Naturally the report of the remarkable cure spread. Folks from all over his section of Louisiana came to Mr. Horton to take his treatment. And relief was given in every instance.

Then Mr. Horton decided that a remedy of the value of this one should be given to the world. With a few friends he formed a company, and manufacture on a larger scale commenced.



Mr. Horton's trouble had been Bright's Disease. This terrible scourge of the human race had given him three years of pain, irritation and misery. The hobo's compound had cured him, and it had cured many others afflicted with similar troubles.

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For Sheriff:
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For County School Superintendent:
B. F. ROE
For County Clerk:
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For County Treasurer:
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JESSE DAVIS
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T. L. ST. CLAIR
For Public Weigher, Precinct 5:
E. T. (TIM) FORD
GUY HUDNALL
Constable, Precinct No. 1:
WALTER WOOD

You can't place a mortgage on a castle in the air.

Many Huns at the front were wounded in the rear.

Some singers have no cause to throw stones at the cat.

You get the record by reading Hon. R. E. Thomason's speech in today's Messenger.

Whoppers are being caught, and tales of the same magnitude are being told, in the Wonderful County. Fishin' is fine in Wise.

Messenger is for R. E. Thomason, which positively refutes the statement of one of Mr. P. M. Neff's managers that "only cheap politicians are supporting Thomason."

Mr. Bailey's name will appear on the democratic primary election ticket, the state committee ruling that the gentleman has a perfectly good right to appear as a candidate.

After reading the Tishomingo, Ok., Capital-Democrat, we are of the opinion that Scott Ferris, candidate for United States senator against Tom P. Gore, has a man-size job on his hands.

Messenger is in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. E. Boyd of Decatur, which, at Mr. Boyd's request, will be published in the Messenger. The letter is well written, and it is interesting. It will appear in next week's issue.

Three hundred and fifty citizens of Dallas gathered the other day to hear Dr. S. P. Brooks tell about Mr. P. M. Neff's qualifications for governor. The speech was advertised for weeks and days in advance and it seems cruel that only three hundred and fifty out of Dallas' one hundred and seventy thousand people should take advantage of the opportunity of hearing about Dr. Brooks' candidate for governor.

It appears that the Southwestern Telephone Company, one of the giant corporations, is after the little independent companies in a most scientific manner. If the "minimum wage bill," now before the legislature becomes a law, it is good-night to the little country exchanges now serving the farmers at a cheap rate, is the claim of the independent companies. The bill stipulates that a minimum wage of \$18 per week be paid telephone operators. If the independents are forced to pay this wage their till will run dry before pay day. The Southwestern can easily stand the "raise." The independents will be forced to close down, and the big company will be monarch of the field. Then, what? The rates will be doubled; you will kick, of course, but what will kicking avail? Pay the increased rate or you will have no phone. No competition, you know. The splendid girls in the service of the Southwestern will get a deserved increase in salaries, 'tis true, which, in Decatur will amount to about \$200 per month. A double rate levied on the Decatur subscribers of the Southwestern would fatten the telephone companies tills to the tune of about \$800 per month. The Southwestern

could, with splendid grace, afford to meet the law's demand in increasing the operators' salaries.

HARDING AND DIGEST'S POLL

It is significant that the presidential poll of the country which was made by the Literary Digest at a great expense, and in which 2,000,000 voters from all section of the country expressed their choice for president, did not forecast the result of the republican convention. General Wood led all other candidates by a big margin, and so far as his vote on the first ballot reflected this condition, the poll was indicative of the situation. But Governor Lowden, who was never lower than in second place until the break came, was fourth in the Literary Digest's poll, Senator Johnson being second and Mr. Hoover third.

But the thing to be remarked especially is that Senator Harding occupied sixth place in the poll, and that his vote was confined almost entirely to one section of the country. Even Mr. Hughes had nearly twice as many votes as Senator Harding. Indeed, Mr. Bryan, who ran fourth among the democrats, had more votes than Senator Harding, in spite of the fact that the democrats did not participate in the poll in such great numbers as the republicans.

We cite this for what it is worth. If the indications that Mr. McAdoo is to be the democratic nominee are borne out at San Francisco, we shall have a candidate who led his party in the presidential poll in all sections of the country, running against a man who was a poor sixth among the probable candidates of his own party.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

TRADE AT HOME

Trading at home forms a financial circle of universal benefit to a community. It propels the circulation of home money in home channels, touching every individual, every home, and every business institution in the community. It increases the per capita cash allotment available to every man, woman and child in the community.

This benevolent circle, although not at all mysterious, is hidden from the view of unthinking people, but it shines clear and brilliant to the eyes of the thoughtful.

The home community produces raw materials from its farms—cotton, grain, food products, oil, and numerous other every-day necessities to world advancement. These products are sought by and sold to outside interests through whose hands they eventually reach the consumer. The cash money for this production comes directly to the producing community and during the course of a year it swells to stupendous figures.

Suppose we take the acquisition of this yearly community earning as the beginning of our circle. The money thus obtained is distributed among the individuals of the community, whose efforts are responsible for community production, in salaries and wages. These in turn, if they follow the doctrine of trading at home, deliver a portion of their incomes to the home merchants for food, apparel, and miscellaneous supplies. The home merchants, from necessity must send a large portion of their incomes out of the community for new stocks, but they do it through home banks and carry all excess in home banks. The money sent out comes back for more raw material. The money deposited in home banks is loaned out to home people for home enterprises that greater production may be gained.

The benefit of such a domestic policy in keeping your money at home must be apparent to every individual in the community. Besides building up production and community earning power it causes a general tone of steady prosperity, and broad gauge development that bring with them all the advantages of living comforts of the modern metropolis.

Through thoughtless, ill-advised patronage of mail houses, the opposite effect is brought to bear on the community in general. Industry lags, production drops, the community earnings steadily shrink, and idleness takes the place of industry. By trading away from home the earnings of the community, individually and collectively are directed to outside interests that return no benefits.

Every loyal, conscientious citizen should give the subject careful, well-balanced thought. It is a question of vital importance to everybody. It means community decision for progress or oblivion.

EIGHTY YEARS OLD

Col. C. W. Geers.—Today, Thursday, May 27th, 1920, is the birthday of the editor of the Herald. He is eighty years old and gets this paper out by his lone self, and does all the job work. Four score is the Bible limit, and yet he is in good health and fettle. He went through the civil war, was wounded twice, starved in prison in retaliation for Andersonville, and passed through thousands

of dangers, seen and unseen, the details of which would "make the hair on your head stand on end like the quills of the fretful porcupine." While a prisoner at the depot in Jeffersonville, Ind., he made a break for liberty, was fired on by the guard, but escaped across the river to Louisville, Ky., without a scratch. He was concealed at the home of a man by the name of Brent, slept with his son, Taylor Brent, and rejoined his command at Lexington, Ky. As an editor he adopted the suggestion of the Bible, to-wit: That a kind word turneth away wrath, while scores of other editors were slain by reason of the use of brusque replies to parties offended. He married, became the father of ten children, eight of whom are living in Oklahoma and Texas, and are raising families. Providence has been kind to him, preserving him in good health and spirits, though he passed through an epidemic of cholera at Lexington, Ky., yellow fever at New Orleans, a mild attack of small pox and flu, but never had to go to bed and call a doctor.—Mill Creek Herald.

The veteran editor, Col. C. W. Geers, is one of the best known newspapermen in this section of Texas; more than half a century ago he was editor of the Denton Monitor, and later was editor and owner of the Bosque County Citizen, published at Morgan. He is one of the best writers this state has ever produced, and today at eighty, he has no peer in the game. He has made and lost fortunes in the newspaper business, and he met the cloudy days as he greeted the bright ones—with a smile. Brave and brilliant is Col. Geers, and here's to his health; may he live out another eighty years—and more.

Youth

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. It is not a matter of ripe cheeks, red lips, and supple knees; it is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite for adventure over the love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty.

Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Years wrinkle the skin; but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-interest, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the heart and turn the greening spirit back to dust.

Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the sweet amazement at the stars and at star-like things and thoughts the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching, child-like appetite for what next, and the joy of the game of living. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

In the central place of your heart is an evergreen tree; its name is love. So long as it flourishes you are young. When it dies you are old. In the central part of your heart is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, grandeur, courage and power from God and from you fellow men, so long are you young.—Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Institute, New York.

Just Men

The culture of books and colleges refines, yet it is often but an ethical culture, and is gained at the cost of vigor and rugged strength. Book culture alone tends to paralyze the practical faculties. The bookworm loses his individuality; his head is filled with theories and saturated with other men's thoughts. The stamina of the vigorous mind he brought from the farm has evaporated in college; and when he graduates he is astonished to find that he has lost the power to grapple with men and things, and is therefore outstripped in the race of life by the boy who has had no chance, but who, in the fierce struggle for existence, has developed hard, common sense and practical wisdom. The college graduate often mistakes his crutches for strength. He inhabits an ideal realm where common sense rarely dwells. The world cares little for the theories or his encyclopaedic knowledge. The cry of the age is for practical men.—O. S. Marden.

Phew!

Mary is twenty-four years of age. She is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?

Fourteen wives of steel strikers threw pepper in the eyes of other workmen thereby becoming "reds"—unless the pepper was black.

Mind your own business, don't talk too much, work and save, and you'll get along fairly well in the world.

First Christian Church

Morning topic for next Sunday, "The Joy of Intimate Association with Christ."

Evening topic, "From the Call of Abraham to the Offering of Isaac." This is the second of a series of illustrated sermons on the book of lustrated sermons on the book of tend at all times. A hearty handshake and greeting awaits you.

A small slump in Sunday school last Sunday; don't let hot weather keep you away! Get the habit. With some, it's either too hot or too cold; too dry or too wet.

We are having an interesting mid-week church meeting at the church every Wednesday night; this is a joint prayer and social service. Don't forget these services.

Two confessions and baptisms last Sunday, one Sunday before; good work goes on—we enjoy a steady growth.

Protracted meeting begins the first Sunday in August; note the change in the date.

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LOCAL & PERSONAL

Insurance—J. W. Bailey.

Mrs. James Riddle visited in Dallas this week.

Will Panshaw has been on the sick list this week.

Dr. D. A. Carpenter has been in west Texas on business.

S. M. Gose, Jr., has returned from attending S. M. U., Dallas.

Mrs. Gui Williams spent the week in Mineral Wells.

Lee Farmer and family were here from Alvord Wednesday.

Theodore Ponder, Jr., of Dallas, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Ella Mae Goen has returned from a visit to her home in Grandview.

Miss Stella Renfro of Stephenville is the guest of the family of Rev. J. N. Hunt.

The commissioners' court is in session this week, sitting as a board of equalization.

Misses Blanche and Bessie Willis of Alexander City, Ala., are visiting the family of S. C. Ross.

Miss Maggie Spencer has returned from Dallas where she has been teaching in the high schools.

Misses Ora and Velma Mtheson of Paradise, are this week visiting the homes of J. Lee and Dewey Mann.

Life, accident, fire, tornado and other insurance written by J. W. Bailey; up-stairs in Messenger Bldg.

Frank P. Timberlake and wife were here Wednesday enroute to their home in Wichita Falls, after a stay on the coast.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: J. H. Goodrich and Miss Elizabeth Stalnaker; Clyde Mitchell and Miss Ruby Denny.

Mmes. Will Renshaw, W. W. Williams, Chas. Workman and Hugh Greer attended the Missionary district conference at Bowie yesterday.

Bill Bridges was here from Cottondale Wednesday. He reports renewed activity in the oil game in his section, as efforts are being made to resume work on the Cottondale well.

Miss Kate Barker is here from Polytechnic to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Lobdell. Miss Barker will teach in the Polytechnic schools again next year.

News reached Chico Friday morning of the death of Mrs. Irene Gill, formerly Miss Irene Jones of Chico. She died at her home in Dallas Thursday.—Chico Review.

Ed. Halsell of Oklahoma, was in the city visiting the family of H. H. Halsell. Miss Walcott, who has been in Oklahoma City for several months, returned with Mr. Halsell.

Mrs. W. H. Walton died at her home in Paradise Wednesday night. She was 70 years of age, and had for many years resided in Paradise. She was the wife of W. H. Walton, a prominent merchant of that town.

The following Decatur young ladies leave next Sunday for Waco to attend Baylor summer school: Mrs. Hutt Crouch, Misses Annie Plaxco, Johnnie Blankenship, Claudie Mae Workman, Alma Christian, Rita Roberts and Helen Rowan.

The following Wise county students received diplomas from the North Texas State Normal at Denton last week: Grady Deaton, Decatur; Miss Ruby Triplett, Chico; Miss Mattie L. Balts, Decatur; Miss Ruth Triplett, Chico; Miss Hattie B. Ward, Chico; Miss Exsa Caldwell, Decatur.

"Bill" Jones, superintendent and overseer of Messenger's force, is taking his vacation this week, spending the time with friends and relatives in Wichita Falls. Any "falling off" in the excellence of the Messenger this week can be attributed to Bill's absence from the works.

Mrs. Tilghman Davis is here from Washington, D. C. for a visit with relatives and friends. The numerous friends of this charming and popular lady in Decatur will be glad to know she will remain here for some time, while Judge Davis is traveling in the north and east.

Mrs. T. A. Mote on Wednesday brought to town a remarkably large hen egg which she found in her poultry yard. The egg measured 6½x8 inches and weighed one-fourth pound. The hen which laid the egg is now probably taking a vacation, for this egg was big enough for several ordinary eggs.

The Y. M. B. L. band gave a very enjoyable concert on the square last Friday night, which was attended by a large crowd. Those attending were agreeably surprised at the progress the band has made. This band is one of Decatur's most valuable assets and it deserves the aid and encouragement of every citizen.

It is reported that wire netting is being strung across West Fort at places in the water south and southwest of Decatur. It is reported this netting is used in the river to prevent fish from coming up stream. This is said to be a violation of law and will be reported to the commission in Austin. "Dynamiters" are said to be operating in the river at points southwest of here.

A number of surveyors arrived in Chico this week and are making a survey for the location of the Federal Crushed Stone company's plant south of Chico. The company is made up principally of Dallas business men, and promises to be one of the largest plants in this section. Chico crushed stone is getting quite a reputation as the best material obtainable for the construction of good roads.—Chico Review.

The Denton baseball team comes here today for a game with Decatur. The Denton team is a strong one, and the game is expected to be a good one. Manager Heathington is determined to bring only strong teams to Decatur in order to furnish the best of baseball to Decatur fans. The local lovers of the sport should show their appreciation of Mr. Heathington's efforts by attending the games and boosting for the home team, which has proven it can play good ball. The game will be called this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lillard and son, Jack, will move in a few days to their new home in North Decatur. For some time they have been stopping at the Dill boarding house on East Main street, and while they are glad to get into their new home, Mr. and Mrs. Lillard will regret leaving the hospitable roof of Mr. Lon Dill, manager of the popular Dill house. The new residence of Alderman and Mrs. Terrell Lillard is one of the handsomest in the city, on North Lang street, where they will be at home to their friends after next week.

Sick and accident policies at just and reasonable rates. See J. W. Bailey.

A benefit concert for the Boyd high school will be given in that city next Monday night by Mrs. Newton Barker of Rhome, assisted by several young ladies and young gentlemen of Decatur. The good people of the Boyd country will miss a treat if they fail to attend this entertainment. Mrs. Barker is one of the recognized artists in this section of the state, and those assisting her in giving the concert are among the best entertainers in Decatur's circle of artists.

A subscription list is being circulated this week to pay for sprinkling Decatur's streets. It is believed a sufficient amount will be secured to start the sprinkler Monday. Albert Barney will have charge of the work and he states that he expects to keep the streets thoroughly sprinkled at all times. It is reported that the city is to fill up all the holes on the square and keep them filled in order to prevent damage by water from the sprinkler. This is a good movement and should receive the aid of every business man in the city.

Mrs. Connie May White, recently a resident of this city, died suddenly at her home in Electra on last Tuesday morning. Mrs. White was found dead in the yard at her home early Tuesday morning by her husband, J. A. (Buster) White, and death was caused supposedly by heart failure, as Mrs. White was in usual health. Mr. White missed his wife in the house and upon going into the yard to search for her, found her body near the front door. The remains were brought to Decatur Wednesday and carried to Hopewell cemetery, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Ayers. Mrs. White left Decatur about two weeks ago to join her husband in Electra. She was the daughter of Mrs. Judd Parks of this city, and was reared near Alvord. She was 32 years of age and is survived by her husband and four children. Deceased was a devoted Christian and a consistent member of the Baptist church. She had many friends in Decatur who regret her untimely death.

SWEETWATER NEWS

The people of this community are taking advantage of the pretty weather, and are busy with the harvest.

Birdine Boydston and family spent last Sunday with the family of Angie Compton.

Jim and Robert Moore have just recovered from an attack of dyptheria.

Claude, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, who has been suffering with a broken arm, is doing nicely.

Misses Vonnia Ross and Ardle Smith entertained with a forty-two party Saturday night. A most enjoyable time is reported.

Mrs. Bob Hammons of Fort Worth is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White.

Lawrence Beall from Quanah, is visiting his mother, Mrs. R. H. Beall.

Former Rhome Lady Pleased With West

Mrs. Lulu Morris of Slaton, returned home after several days' visit with her mother, Mrs. M. F. Davis. Mrs. Morris formerly lived in Wise county, residing at Rhome, but several years ago went "west" and purchased land, which today is a valuable holding. Mrs. Morris before her marriage was Miss Lulu Cates, and when a little girl attended Decatur schools, being a pupil of Prof. John Embry and later attended the school of Miss Hattie Battle. When a girl she was charming, and the added years have rounded her out one of the most beautiful and brilliant women Wonderful Wise has produced. Mrs. Morris was a welcome visitor at the Messenger office, and she stated that while Wise county was great in every respect, she holds that her section in the great Slaton country is a little bit better. "Peace, plenty and prosperity, everywhere in our country," she said.

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DECATUR BALL TEAM PLAYS GOOD BASEBALL ON TRIP

The Decatur ball team returned on last Saturday from a five-game trip to Jacksboro and Graham, where they met two of the strongest teams in north Texas; and while our team lost four of the five games, an excellent brand of ball was turned out all during the trip, and most of the contests lost were won by only a one-score margin. In the three games with Graham the total score showed Decatur securing one more run than Graham, yet two of the games were lost. This fact proves that Decatur team is hitting with the best of them, and with a little more training, they will be able to so utilize hits as to win more games.

The first game went to Graham 9 to 8. This game was very close, and the locals had several good chances to win it, yet the decisive blow was lacking; while Graham was able to hit when hits brought in runs.

Decatur won the second game 9 to 5, in which Decatur outclassed Graham in every way.

The third game was a pitchers' battle, Graham using Mr. Flannigan, formerly of the Detroit Tigers and lately of the Texas league, who recently jumped his contract to get the easy baseball money in the oil fields. Graham had heard Decatur was to pitch Scott, who had made a record twirling for S. M. U., so they imported Mr. Flannigan to face Scott. Scott allowed fewer hits than Flannigan, but the leaguer kept the Decatur lads from hitting when the hits would mean runs. The final score was 3 to 1, but it was a dandy good game in which Decatur team showed up well.

The fast Graham team comes here next week for three games with the Decatur team. Local fans are looking forward to these games with expectation of sweet revenge.

Manager Roy Heathington and Capt. John Gunn state that their team is in fine condition, and profited greatly by the trip. They confidently expect Decatur to win a goodly number of games this season, though they do not expect to win all of them, for the locals are to meet some of the best teams in North Texas. Manager Heathington states that he had rather lose to a good team by a close margin than win a one-sided game from an inferior team; and the local fans are with him there, for we want a good exhibition of the game when we have a contest.

The much-touted Denton team will be here today for a game with Decatur at four o'clock this afternoon at the college park.

First Baptist Church

There were three additions to the church during the day last Sunday, and the Sunday school went considerably beyond 200. The Business Men's Bible class which meets in the picture show building, enrolled about ten new members and adopted plans for building up a big class.

Prof. Sparks is meeting the juniors, including boys and girls from 8 to 15 years, inclusive, at the church every morning at 9 o'clock. He is teaching them how to read notes and training them to sing church music. The training of these juniors is a great work, and all the children of the town of these ages are invited to attend these meetings of the class at the church every morning at 9 o'clock. The church is employing Bro. Sparks to devote his time to this work, and will be glad to have the community profit as widely and as largely as possible from his valuable services. No fee of any kind will be charged anybody.

Pastor R. E. Bell will preach next Sunday morning on the subject "Pardon With Punishment." The question as to whether one can be both pardoned and punished will be discussed. If anyone can be both pardoned and punished, what does pardon involve? The members of the church are expected to attend our services, and visitors are always given a most cordial welcome.—R. E. BELL, Pastor.

Some real baseball games are expected here next week when the fast Graham team comes for three games with Decatur.

Money will turn a homely poor girl into a pretty rich one.

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FOR SALE—Ear corn; \$1.35 per bushel; at my barn, 8 miles south of Decatur.—N. E. YOUNG. (26)
FOR SALE—15-30 traction gas engine; also 2 gang plows; all in A-1 condition. See, phone or writ OLIN VANMEETER, Decatur; Ind. telephone. (28)
FOR SALE—15 Duroc hogs; six weeks old; picking choice \$5.00.—G. W. BAZZLAY, 5 miles south Decatur; Ind. phone. (25)
FOR SALE—One mahogany finish doulf, practically new. Apply to MRS. W. P. THURMOND. (27)
FOR SALE—7-room house and large lot in Southwest Decatur.—MRS. NETTIE BOONE, 608 Travis Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. (25)
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK eggs, from the best strains in Texas; \$1.00 per setting. A good milch cow for \$5. Ask John Dickson. D. VAN PELT.
FOR SALE—Little girl's bicycle; bargain if sold right away. Call at this office. (25)
FOR SALE—4-room house; lot 50x150; good condition; third house down West Main street. Price reasonable. R. S. or TOM LAID, Decatur. (26)
WANTED
WANTED—To buy hive and bees; at bargain. Call at this office. (25)

A sparkling gem of modern comedy in a setting of the most luxurious and magnificent wealth.

AN INTIMATE PICTURE OF BRIGHT STUDIO LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS

In which a woman frees herself from the silken and golden web of a social spider and finds free, untrammelled love.

"The Walk-Offs"

The action of the play takes place in and about the homes of wealthy society leaders in New York City and in the studios of those who are more interested in art for the sake of diversion than for itself. A magnificent divorce court scene with its setting and action carried thru in satirical vein is one of the earlier and most amusing scenes of the production.

May Allison appears in the role of Kathleen Ruth-erford, a beautiful young society woman who is much dissatisfied with the empty life she is leading. Her fortunes are at a low ebb because her brother has been divorced by his only means of support. The brother attempts to persuade Kathleen to marry a wealthy society man to mend both their fortunes, but she does not love him.

In the studio of an artist Kathleen meets a wealthy young Kentuckian who detests her social breed, but falls in love with her. He adopts the "cave-manish" style in his wooing and the struggle that results between these two beings from separate social worlds is tense and absorbing.

Majestic Thursday, June 24

A Horse Can't Save Money==

But You Can Save Enough Here to Feed a Horse

Special Offerings for June Only

Goods we buy are not lower, but we are making them lower today

22-Rifle Cartridges, one box 30c; 2 for.....	55	17-quart tin dish pan.....	73
8-inch files, regular, 30; now.....	25	Fly swatters.....	.05 and .10
Mouse traps, 6 for.....	25	Quart fruit jars, per dozen.....	1.00
5 Gallons auto oil—guaranteed.....	\$5.00	Half-gallon fruit jars, per dozen.....	1.25
5 gallons heavy tractor oil—guaranteed.....	4.50	Mason jar lids, per dozen.....	.40
5 pounds cup grease.....	1.00	Fruit jar rubbers, per dozen.....	.10
5 pound transmission oil.....	1.35	House paint, per gallon.....	4.25
1 pound graphite axle grease.....	.15	\$2.50 Spalding cork center baseball.....	1.75
3-pound bucket graphite axle grease.....	.35	Baseball jersey.....	6.50
Gas mantles, 15c each; 2 for.....	.25	\$2.50 Duplex safety razor.....	1.00
\$2.50 granite tea kettles.....	1.98	Good house brooms.....	.75
Silver tea spoons—guaranteed.....	\$2.50	\$150.00 Electric washing machine.....	\$115.00
\$2.50 Granite dish pans.....	\$1.89	\$7.00 baseball shoes, close-out.....	5.25
1.60 granite dish pans.....	1.25	\$5.50 Baseball shoes, close-out.....	3.95
Binder, plow and mill oil, per gallon.....	1.00	New Perfection cook stove wick June only.....	.35
30x3 non-skid casing—5000 miles.....	14.00	4.10 shot-gun shells.....	.85
30x3½ non-skid casing—500 miles.....	18.00	Belt power washing machine and wringer.....	59.00
\$40.00 Herrick refrigerators.....	36.00	Screen doors.....	3.50, 3.00, 2.35 and 2.15
Champion-X Ford spark plugs.....	70	Water glasses, per set.....	.85
Ford plugs.....	50	Ice tea glasses, per set.....	1.25
Porcelain for champion-x plugs.....	30	Iceless Milk refrigerators.....	8.75
Good sewing machine oil.....	10		

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Judge Walker Writes Of State's Finances

Hon. J. W. Walker, representing Wise county in the state legislature has written a number of his friends in the county concerning the work of the house. Judge Walker states in his letter that he is opposed to wanton extravagance of the public funds and is doing his best to block any raid that may be made on the state treasury. He writes, among other things, that "there seems to be a great clamor from all the different departments of the state of Texas for large appropriations and deficiencies. I am opposed to these large excessive appropriations just because we have the money." The letter in full is as follows, and copies have been mailed a number of Wise county citizens.

June 11, 1920. Judge W. D. Paschall.—Dear Sir: I am enclosing herewith a statement of the financial condition of the state of Texas shown by the comptroller and state board of control's office. You can study this sheet and ascertain actually the condition of the state treasury of Texas.

There seems to be a great clamor from all the different departments of the state for large appropriations and deficiencies. I am opposed to these large, excessive appropriations just because we have the money. The state tax board can never lower the tax rate as long as we continue to appropriate out of the state treasury all surplus money. I shall continue the best I can by my vote and otherwise, to guard the state's interest in protecting her finance.

We will adjourn in about one week from today, and I will be at home.

I am for good government. Yours very truly,

J. W. WALKER, Rep. 50 Dist.

CANDIDATES, NOTICE.

All candidates for county and precinct offices must file their applications to have their names on the democratic ticket for the primary election on or before June 19th, with the county chairman.

All members of the democratic executive committee are hereby called to meet at Decatur, on Monday, June 21, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of selecting a primary committee and other matters pertaining to the primary election.

W. S. GILBERT, County Chm

Mr. Pep



Even the prohibitionists would like to see food prices take a drop or two

and it's not only the prohibitionists that would like to see things drop.

Build a Barn to Fit Your Needs

You have certain conditions to meet that will not be found on any other farm. Your requirements will determine the size and arrangements of your new barn. Your aim is to build a barn that will comfortably suit the live stock with their needs. Our experience is selling materials for building barns and in helping farmers in many ways, should be worth money to you. This is a part of our serviceable way of doing business.

TRY US, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Everything in Building Materials

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H. T. Breedlove, Mngr., Decatur, Texas.

City's Garbage Hauled Tuesdays and Fridays

Officer Chas. Sharp requests Messenger to state that the city council has employed Scavenger Brooks to clean up the square on each Tuesday and Friday morning. The trash should be piled up in front of each place of business on these mornings, ready for Brooks to haul off. The business men are to pay for hauling away the trash from the back alleys, and Mr. Sharp states that the back alleys are to receive special attention and be cleaned up regularly. Mr. Sharp also asks the attention of the residents of the city to the importance of the proper observation of laws governing the care of dry closets in the town. The rear of the closet should be covered by a board, and lime should be freely used in order to do away with flies. The health of the town depends upon the observance of these laws, and every citizen should obey them.

Ex-Scouts Take Fast Game form Chico Nine

The ex-scout ball team went to Chico Monday and defeated the second team there by the score of 13 to 9. In the sixth, Chico was leading 7 to 4, when Decatur started the fireworks, and as Chico has no fire department, the boys batted around and made eight runs before the bucket brigade could get in action. Batteries: Chico, Johnson, Craft and Hunter; Decatur, Johnston, Jones and Kelley. The Chico team will give the scouts a return game soon.

\$7,000 Loss When Barn Near Slidell Destroyed

The large barn on the Bell place, near Slidell, burned last Saturday evening. Mr. Bell's loss was over \$7,000, with no insurance. The loss included 10 head of mules, three hogs, 200 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of wheat, 250 bushels of oats, three tons of hay, several tons of cottonseed, and farm implements. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin, as a man was seen leaving the barn shortly before the fire was discovered.

News from Sycamore

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finnels, on Sunday morning, June 13, 1920, a daughter.

Mrs. T. E. Griffith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Driskell.

W. T. Spears visited home Sunday from Rhome, where he is working.

J. S. Smith rented the Wingate house and is moving to it this week.

Mrs. V. A. Livermore has returned home from a visit to Altus, Okla., where she was visiting her daughter and son.

Mr. Lynch and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton returned home from a visit to Altus, Okla.

Alvord's Star Twirler Fans 26 in Bowie Game

In an exciting fifteen inning game, Alvord won by a score of 6 to 5. The features of the game was the excellent pitching of Lancaster, together with the base running of Leslie for Alvord. Lancaster struck out twenty-six Bowie batters.

Score by innings— R H E
Alvord. 010 100 300 000 001—6 9 5
Bowie. 000 203 000 000 000—5 4 6

Lancaster held Bowie to four hits, but his teammates gave poor support for the first six innings, after which they tightened.

County Agent's Report

County Agent Kemp requests immediate consideration of the splendid opportunity for Wise county to be represented in the farm boys' special tour through eighteen states of the great agricultural districts of America.

As the time for starting is near at hand, he urges the importance of providing for one or more representatives at once. In a few days, the time limit will bar us.

He says the rare educational opportunity exceeds any type of experiences and observation training ever opened to our boys and to wide-awake farmers; in fact, business men of every important line are immeasurably concerned. To be represented means a paying investment for educational training of the most practical type; it means wide and reliable advertisement that will attract money and skill for developing our resources and further advancing all upbuilding enterprises.

He believes the banks of the county will be pleased to contribute toward the expenses of a representative, in the ratio of their respective bank stock to entire bank stock of the county. The amount for one ticket is \$300.00.

He submits this great matter to the banks of the county and respectfully urges each bank to write him immediately its willingness to contribute on a pro rata bank stock basis.

Participation in this great movement will entitle each contributor to honorable and business mention in a bulletin that will be issued by the A. & M. college and will be distributed in all the eighteen states, which will be visited by the farm boys' special train.

In addition, each contributor may prepare cards, leaflets, folders or other advertising material for the representative to personally distribute.

For the real estate man and land owner, who wish to advertise land or other property for sale, this is the opportunity of a life-time.

Livestock men, this means very much for you, whether you wish to buy or sell, or both. You would be vastly benefitted by such an investment. You could easily raise the necessary \$300.00 and be separately represented, if you should desire such

special arrangement. Would it not be a fine advertisement for you?

Please do not understand the county agent to be begging for contribution. He is simply calling attention to the great benefits that will result in educational training, in property development and financial returns, eventually. He earnestly requests deserved consideration for the immediate and for future gains that will come; and which should be desired and sought by every public spirited citizen of Wise county.

Additional to the provision for club members, arrangements have been made for progressive farmers to go or to send a son even though he is not a member of the boys' club. Three hundred dollars will cover the cost of ticket, subsistence and other essentials for the trip.

Enquire of the county agent for any desired particulars. Get busy! Act at once! only a few more can go.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From Messenger of June 15, 1900

C. M. Cates has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Walter Hoad and Miss Ruby returned last Friday from a month's visit in Illinois.

Miss Maggie Gunn is visiting relatives and friends in the Cottondale vicinity.

Mrs. Mollie Jarrell left Monday for an extended visit to her son, W. B. Jarrell at Liberty, N. Mex.

Miss Maude Morrow left Tuesday

for Fort Worth to accept a position with Neil P. Anderson & Company, as operator. Mrs. B. T. Hambright of Rhome, has taken her place here.

H. L. Ward of Springtown, formerly county clerk of this county, was here last Friday on a visit to his brother, Rev. J. L. Ward, returning Saturday with his daughter, Miss Maud, who has been visiting here for some time. Miss Pearl Ward also returned with them expecting to spend some time visiting relatives at that city.

A Messenger representative, while passing the county clerk's office last Saturday morning, noticed that deputy clerk, Arthur Hoyl, was acting peculiarly. He was running around inquiring the time of day from passers by, had a strange wild look out of his eyes and was all the time muttering something to himself in an undertone. Inquiry elicited the fact that Mrs. Hoyl, who has been on an extended visit to her mother at Terrell, was expected home on the noon train. Mrs. Hoyl did not arrive until Monday. Her sister, Miss Nannette Bumpass, returned with her and expects to remain sometime.

Married:—At the residence of J. G. Short in this city, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Morris officiating, Dr. J. E. Stover of Little Elm, and Miss Della Serrells. They left Monday for Little Elm, where Dr. Stover is a practicing physician and where they will make their home in the future.

Hy. H. Little left Wednesday for Philadelphia, where he goes to at-

tend the national republican convention.

Prof. B. F. Giles and family left Wednesday for Tuscaloosa, Ark., where Prof. Giles goes to take charge of a female college. The board of trustees of the college met last week and filled the vacancy caused by his resignation by electing Rev. J. L. Ward president of the college. We bespeak for the new management the same patronage and hearty co-operation that has been so generously extended to the old.

Convention Proceedings

The democratic convention in precinct No. 1 met last Saturday and was called to order by J. P. Hayter, executive committeeman, when G. W. Clark was elected chairman and C. J. Crabb secretary.

On motion of Chas. Soward, the chairman appointed the following committees:—To select delegates to next Saturday's county convention:—J. T. Johnson, C. V. Terrell, W. S. Gilbert, H. D. Spencer and J. B. Henderson.

On resolution:—Chas. Soward, J. T. Ratliff, J. D. White, J. A. Renshaw and R. E. Carswell.

The committee reported the following delegates to the county convention who was adopted:—W. H. Bullock, J. T. Buckaloo, C. H. Smith, J. P. Hayter, Jim T. Ratliff, W. R. Hart, M. D. Sellars, F. J. Ford, W. W. Williams, J. D. White, Add Renshaw, Chas. Soward, A. M. Ithine, J. P. Fullingim, Tom McClure, Earnest Means, J. F. Johnston, J. M. Bennett, J. T. Johnson, J. B. Henderson, W. S. Gil-

bert, H. D. Spencer, C. V. Terrell. The committee on resolution made the following report which was adopted:

To the Hon. G. W. Clark, chairman, we, your committee on resolutions beg leave to report as follows: First. We endorse the platform of the national democracy adopted at Chicago in 1896.

Second. We endorse the views of the Hon. J. W. Bailey on the question of expansion and imperialism and pledge him our hearty support in carrying out the same.

Third. We heartily endorse our great national leader, W. J. Bryan and pledge him our support for the presidency.

Fourth. We heartily endorse the Hon. J. W. Patterson in his record and course as judge of this judicial district and pledge him our support for re-election.

We hereby instruct our delegates to the county convention to use all honorable means to carry out these views. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SOWARD.
J. T. RATLIFF.
J. D. WHITE.
J. A. RENSHAW.
R. E. CARSWELL.

On motion of Frank J. and the delegates were instructed to vote as a unit in the county convention.

Be sure to see the thrilling story, "The Walk-offs" at the Majestic on next Thursday night. This picture is distributed by the Metro corporation and is a very popular play. Remember it features beautiful Miss May Allison.



What a lot of argument there used to be about a woman driving an automobile

TODAY she can "make a train" or fix a tire as well as anybody.

As soon as a luxury becomes a necessity the point of view changes.

II

Two or three years ago you would have listened to more varying opinions about tires than you could shake a stick at. Mileages, construction, treads and whatnot.

It's different now. Tire users are working towards a unanimous feeling.

You express it one way—the man down the street another. But sifted down it amounts to this:

That the only way to settle

your tire problem is to get a tire of known value and stick to it.

III

We recommend and sell U. S. Tires because their value is known.

There's no guess about it.

It was the U. S. quality policy which led to the perfection of the straight-side automobile tire, the pneumatic truck tire—two of the greatest additions to tire value that have ever been made.

As representatives of the oldest and largest rubber concern in the world, we are in a position to tell you something about tire values. Come in some day and talk to us.

Select your tires according to the roads they have to travel:

In sandy or hilly country, wherever the going is apt to be heavy—The U. S. Nobby.



For ordinary country roads—The U. S. Chain or Usco.

For front wheels—The U. S. Plain.

For best results—everywhere—U. S. Royal Cords.

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Chairs, tables, furniture and woodwork seem old only because they are marred, scratched and shabby. There is no need to fill up the attic with perfectly good furniture that is merely surface worn. Refinish the old, shabby surfaces with

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Lincoln Lin-Co-Lac is a combination of high grade varnish and stain, ready mixed for use, in shades of Mahogany, Oak, Walnut, and other expensive hardwoods. It can be used on either old finished surfaces or on unfinished surfaces. Good for floors, furniture and interior woodwork of all kinds.

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"Faint heart ne'er won a maiden fair,
Nor cold feet made a millionaire."

You have always had nerve enough to bet on the horse races, sit at a poker game and hang around the roulette wheel wondering why you could not win. Simply because you are the wrong man for the job. The odds are too strong against you. You were not able to tell what the other fellow was going to do. In buying oil leases from his office you do not have to know what the other fellow is going to do because you own the lease yourself, and, if you take my advice and get in ahead of the drill you are sure to win because the price will never go less before it goes higher while the drill is still in action. In Wise county, I offer the oil and gas lease in tracts of ten acres or more at \$10 per acre, and I am going to make a special offer for the next ten days. I will reserve a 10-acre tract for you on a payment of \$25, and let you pay it out in equal payments of \$25 a month. This land lies in the western part of the county, 2 1/2 miles of the Bridgeport Oil Company's well and also in the vicinity where they are asking \$100 per acre. Never in the history of the leasing game has the opportunity presented itself like it does here to the small investor. If you haven't any money, go out and borrow it and send it to me for one of these 10-acre tracts. If you never had a chance in your past life, you have it now. Take advantage of it, send me your check by return mail for all that you can possibly pay for. I have found your opportunity lying on the Pennsylvania formation between two positively proven heavy producing fields, namely: Burkburnett and Caddo fields in the north-central part of the county; and one of the drilling wells in Wise county, which are located near this plot may cause wild excitement any day as they are drilling beyond 2100 feet at this time and have made some mighty good showings. You cannot cash in by sitting back and wishing, you must own the lease when the excitement comes on. Send your check at once!

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LOCAL & PERSONAL

Miss Rubye Mae Rush, one of Decatur's most popular and charming girls, is visiting the family of A. B. Conley in Lubbock.

Mrs. C. C. Henderson and Mrs. J. W. Patterson were in Rhome Monday evening, attending the concert given by Mrs. Newton Barker.

Have your car top recovered right. We carry a line in stock; see what you buy; get our prices. Champion Shoe & Harness Shop.

Misses Ruth Payne, Ruth Bennett and Christine Thurmond of T. C. U., and Naomi Scott of T. W. C., Fort Worth, have returned home.

E. E. Burgess, one of the prominent merchants of Itasca, and family passed through the city Monday enroute to Colorado and California.

See our peanuts before buying your seed; can save you money. Also have red top fetereta, kaffir corn and milo maize seed. Lillard Milling Company, Decatur.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Harding of Weatherford, June 4, 1920, a daughter. Mrs. Harding was formerly Miss Beatrice Workman of Willow Point, and is well known in Decatur.

Gordon Rogers and family are here for a few days visiting Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jennings.

Murdock Young and family were here the first of the week from Polytechnic.

The barn on the Nobles place, occupied by John Boyer, west of town, burned last Monday afternoon. Mr. Boyer lost a considerable amount of feed and a new buggy. The barn was insured.

Mrs. B. Collins and Miss Martha Gibson attended the meeting of the Missionary Society in Bowie Tuesday. Miss Martha Ann was a delegate from the local society.

Hugh Greer of this city and James St. Clair of Denton, went to Fort Worth Saturday, where they took the Shrine Masonic degrees. They were accompanied by W. C. Milligan and E. P. Harding.

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It is stated that in the failure of a private bank in Ranger, our friend Carl England, former Decatur boy, lost about \$500. Report comes that the bank will be able to pay probably 60 per cent on the losses.

Misses Jennie and Ruth Splawn have returned from Wichita Falls, where they have been teaching in the high school. Miss Jennie is teaching English, while Miss Ruth is teaching Latin and Spanish.

I have the agency for the best laundry in the state. Laundry leaves Tuesdays and Wednesdays and returns Thursday and Saturdays. All laundry called for and delivered. Clate Coleman, South Trinity street.

Paxton Dow, student at T. C. U., is home for a visit to his mother, Mrs. Gillette. This young man recently sold his first short story to McClure's magazine. He is specializing in short stories and journalism.

Mrs. Everett Bass, one of the leading vocal artists in this part of the state, is attending the state pharmaceutical association in Dallas with Mr. Bass. Mrs. Bass is on the program for a vocal selection at the meeting.

The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gann died at the family home in East Decatur last Sunday after a short illness. Funeral services were held Monday and interment occurred in the city cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Tibbetts of Alvord, attended the funeral.

A. B. Conley, Jr., one of the most progressive business men of Lubbock, has purchased one of the largest business blocks in that thriving city. Dolph is a thorough business man and since going into the great Lubbock country, has taken the lead in big affairs in that section.

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Jim Shadle of the Boonsville country, died at his home last Saturday. Mr. Shadle was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of his community, and for many years had resided in the Boonsville country. He was well known here, and had a host of friends in the country.

The Mission Study class met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. D. Shawver with 25 present. Mmes. Shawver, Barton, Burton and Patton were hostesses, and all present enjoyed the meeting. An interesting lesson was led by Mrs. Kidd. The Missionary society will meet at the church next Monday afternoon.

Misses Marie Patterson and Bell Ford, accompanied by Cody Milligan, left Saturday for a trip to Colorado and New Mexico. While away these young ladies contemplate filing on land in New Mexico. If they are successful in securing land, they will move to their possessions and live out the time required by the government.

Mrs. D. J. Moss and children are visiting here from Hamlin. The Messenger learns that the Moss children attending the Hamlin schools made big records in all their studies, starting in all departments. Not surprised, one bit, is the Messenger; Decatur boys and girls carry off honors wherever they are.

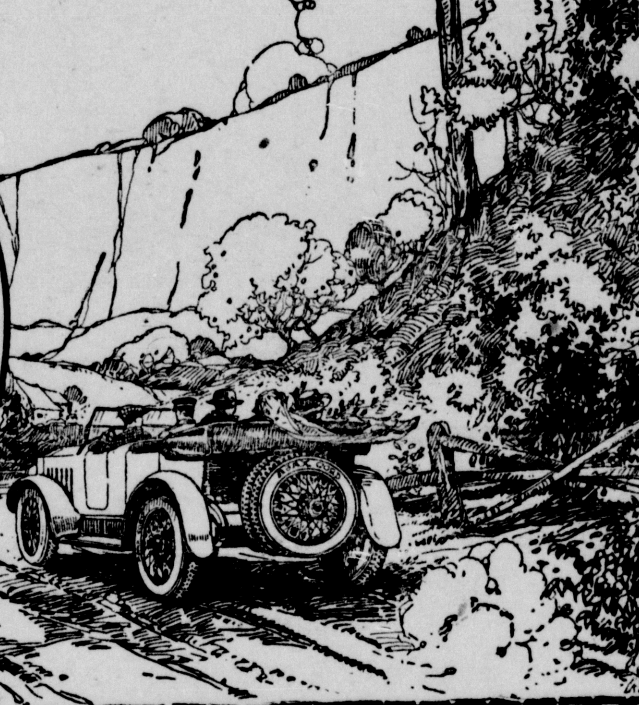
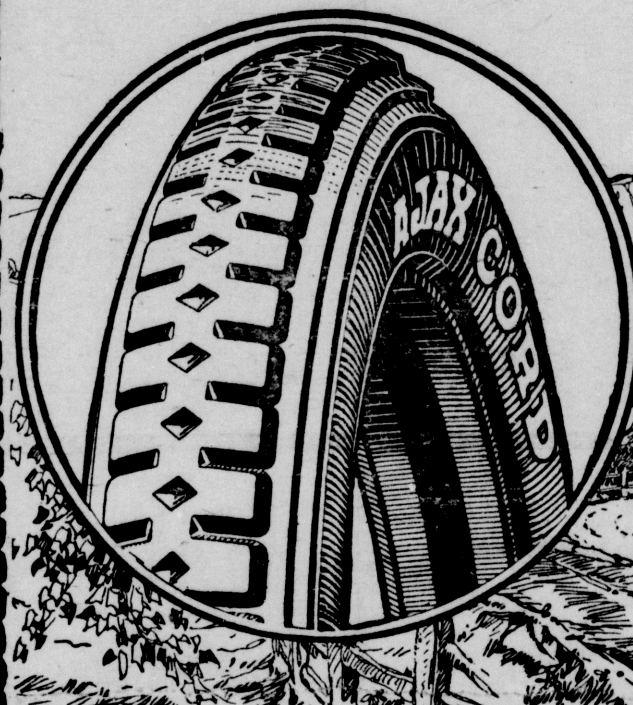
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THOSE indented grip spots, in the center of each cleat, are safeguards against side-slipping. In forward or backward motion the cleats take hold, like the cleats on an athlete's shoes.

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LET us show you the Official Laboratory Model of the New Edison. Let us play it for you. Let us tell you of the remarkable guarantee which goes with this instrument. A guarantee of realism! Do you know what this means?

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"The Phonograph with a Soul"

Realism! Only realism can make the phonograph as wonderful a source of music as all the artists in the world.

Realism! How can you know the phonograph that achieves Realism?

The Official Laboratory Model of the New Edison has proved its Realism by direct comparison with living artists. The singer sings—or the instrumentalist plays. Suddenly the artist stops, and the New Edison continues alone.

Four million people have witnessed these remarkable tests. They

found that only by watching the artist could they tell when he was singing—or playing—and when the New Edison was RE-CREATING his performance.

The instrument we'll show you is an exact duplicate of the instruments which triumphed in these comparison-tests. It will sustain the same test. We guarantee it to be capable of the same beautiful and astounding Realism,—and that is guaranteeing everything your heart desires.

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ed in Wise county. From all reports, the crops of wheat and oats are not up to the average. In some sections the black rust has greatly damaged the grain. If the weather continues favorable, threshing will begin next week.

C. B. Gunn was in Dallas Wednesday.

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It is not only a place where silverware is sold
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BY ALL MEANS OWN ONE

If your flashlight battery goes dead on you, bring it to our store and get fitted with a new one.
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Fred Freeman

"THE FARMER MERCHANT"

WHY I TRADE AT HOME

Dear Editor:

We should trade at home primarily for the reason that the home merchant is our friend. It is he we look to in times of emergency. Should we not be willing to reciprocate?

At home we get better service, promptly rendered, and see what we are getting for our money instead of "trading sight unseen," as do those who deal by mail.

Money spent at home comes back to us. Money sent away is gone forever, so far as we are concerned.

We expect the home dealer to buy our produce and to give us a market for whatever we have to sell. Why not treat him the same way and buy from him what we have to buy?

Self-interest if nothing else, should prompt us to make possible a local market to sell and buy in, by giving the home dealer all reasonable preference.

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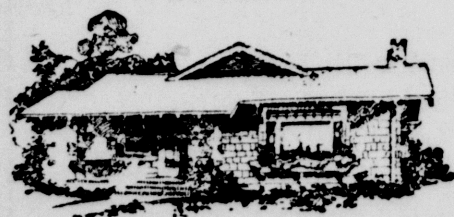
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